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2007 Cory Membership Renewal, by Kathleen Reed

It's time to renew your membership for 2007. Review your mailing label, which notes the year your membership expires.

Membership to the Cory Family Society includes the newsletter, published 3 times per year. Articles include upcoming reunion meetings, stories about our ancestors, DNA research, and the query section free to members of the society. Cost for membership is \$12.00 per year. Please complete the renewal form at the back of the newsletter, and return to the treasurer with your payment OR you can select to receive the newsletter via email. The updated Membership List will be sent out in the next newsletter to be published February 2007. The sooner you send in your dues the more accurate our membership list will be.

Membership dues should be paid by March 1, 2007 to avoid being dropped from the mailing list. We want to keep you in our membership, please notify Fred Corey, President of the Cory Society, if you cannot afford the membership dues.

A Walk in the National Mall,

by Earl S. Cory

Don't be confused by the title; A Walk in the National Mall is not what teenagers do when they "hang at the mall". The National Mall is an open-area national park in downtown Washington D.C. It is the site of gardens and other greenery along with many Smithsonian museums, national monuments and memorials. The National Mall refers specifically to the land stretching from the grounds of the Washington Monument to the United States Capitol, "the Hill", directly to the east. However, the term is often used to refer to the entire area between the Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol, with the Washington Monument providing a division slightly west of the center.

This year's Cory Family Society annual meeting was held in Arlington Virginia, just a few Metro stops from the heart of the nation's capital. On Friday, five of us, Colin and Marilynn Cory, and Rodger and Brenda Miller from Harpole, Northampton went on a walking tour of the National Mall.

After a quick breakfast at the local coffee/pastry/deli establishment between the hotel and Ballston-MU Metro station, we boarded the Metro for downtown Washington. Eighteen minutes later, we exited at Smithsonian Station. Smithsonian Station is located in the center of the mall; the Red Brick "Castle" of the Smithsonian Museum was east of us and the towering obelisk of the Washington Monument to west. Standing under a gray overcast sky with occasional sprinkles, I asked our English visitors; "What do you want to see?" Their answer; "We want to see it all." A daunting possibility, but let's give it a go.



I came ill prepared to be a tour guide; all I had with me was my memory. While we strolled, I recited what I remembered about each of the buildings and places. I explained that the Washington monument was built in intervals between 1848 and 1885. During the construction, the money ran out and construction was halted. The different constructions can be seen as one looks at the monument. The Jefferson memorial lay to our left across the tidal basin. During our walk, I showed pictures of the several monuments and government buildings by extracting bank notes and coins from my pocket.

The new World War II memorial opened around Rainbow Pool in 2004. The large, open, sunken plaza is constructed of granite and bronze. Visitors enter the sunken plaza on ramps passing by two arches (each 41-foot tall) that represent the two fronts of the war. On the North and South sides are bronze friezes depicting the war in Europe and the Pacific. The west side is a wall covered with 4,000 gold stars, each representing 100 Americans that died during World War II.

The wind was blowing hard with a few light sprinkles as we walked along the side of the Reflecting Pool toward the Lincoln memorial. With the ripples in the water, there was not much of a reflection, but the Mallard Ducks didn't seem to mind. To our left we could see the white figures that remind us of the soldiers of the Chosin Reservoir, at the Korean War Veteran's Memorial. As you walk up the steps of the Lincoln Memorial you are confronted with the large seated figure of a contemplative Abraham Lincoln. To Lincoln's right, chiseled in marble, are the words of the Gettysburg address. To his left are the words of his second inaugural address. I explained to our English cousins the significant of these two speeches and the context in which they were given. Turning around and viewing through the pillars, you see the whole expanse of the mall to the Capital building on the other end.

Close by on the north corner of the mall is the Vietnam War Memorial. The 140 panels of solemn black granite wall slowly grow as you walk along showing how the war slowly grew taking more and more lives. Flanking the wall are two groups of bronze statues of the Three Vietnam Servicemen and the Vietnam Wars Women's memorial. Checking the book at the end of the memorial, we found three Corey names, but no Cory names.

We walked along Constitution Avenue, to 17th street and turned left and traveled alongside the Ellipse. Flanking the Ellipse on the west side is the DAR Museum where several of our members spent days doing research. In front of the DAR Museum was one of the most spectacular sites we saw, a Red Maple, bright red with fall leaves.

Soon we were on E street and looking at the White House across the south lawn. While looking through the fence, we saw a resident of the property, a hawk silently watching us from a tree. No political comment will be made about a hawk at the White House.

This part of the walk had taken all morning and we were getting hungry. The lunch and souvenir trucks stationed along the east side of the Ellipse provided the opportunity for a typical American street lunch of hot dogs and sodas. Stationed among trucks were vendors of t-shirts, sweat-shirts, CIA, DIA, FBI wind breakers, coffee mugs and other memorabilia. Our English Cousins purchased several souvenir bags to hold the gifts that were gathering along the way.

We continued along Constitution Avenue past the many government buildings and museums. At Pennsylvania Avenue, we turned toward the Capital, not stopping until we were standing in front of the Capitol Reflecting Pool. The weather had cleared, the cloudy gray skies opened up to a bright blue showing the mall in all its glory.

Walking through the now symbolic gates of the Capitol Building, we pasted the marvelous statuary group dedicated to Ulysses S. Grant, Union Civil War general, and his troops. We mounted the Capital steps and turned to view the mall toward the west to the Lincoln Memorial. During this part of the walk I contrasted the structure of the U.S. Government, our two houses, which were not in session (no flags flying above their chambers) to the House of Lords and House of Commons. I explained why Senators and

Representatives are both elected and their purpose in representing the States and supposedly representing groups of people, but in truth, they are more likely to represent a lobbyist.

The original planners of Washington thought that Washington would grow to the East; therefore the front of the Capitol faces east, not west over the mall. We decided to walk past the Botanic Gardens and the House office buildings to the front of the Capitol. The underground Capitol Visitors Center is currently under construction in the parking lot and the front is not very visible, but the bronze Statue of Freedom on the dome can be clearly seen facing east.

Walking along 1st street we pasted the Library of Congress with the spectacular dome of the Jefferson Building. This building, completed in 1897, allowed the Library of Congress to move out of the Capitol building to their own quarters. Next came the Supreme Court building, completed in 1935. Before that, the Supreme Court was also housed in the Capital building. After passing the Supreme Court, we strolled passed the Russell and Dirksen Senate Office Buildings on our way to Union Station. At Union Station, we boarded the Metro back to our hotel in Arlington. This was a full day of walking. The entire trip lasted 8 hours and we were ready for a drink in the hotel bar.

The Cory Society DNA Report , **UK - Oct 2006,** By Margaret Goffin

DNA progress within the UK Cory Society has been slower this last year. The project has had results for 45 samples of which the majority are American because they, as individuals, are more interested in finding out their DNA and in paying for it. Most of the Cory samples are tested at 26 sites although 13 have paid extra to be retested up to 37. However, I think that the cheaper test at 26 sites has proved sufficient for our needs as we are looking for links between our lines rather than the complete geographical origin of an individual.

The project results can be grouped into 5 main bands (although some differences occur amongst these):

I do not usually seek donors from lines which we have already tested as although testing a second sample can

Haplogroup	Samples Tested	Family Line
I1a	10	Harpole Chelmsford/ includes 1 Norfolk link
R1a	6	American members, John of Long Island
R1b	7	Poundstock / North Petherwin / Jacobstow Lifton / Tresparett / Davidstow Ben
R1b	15	Various including Wm of Portsmouth, Wm from Bristol line
R1b	4	West Putford / Woolsey and Pyworthy and Holsworthy
R1b	1	Norfolk Burrell-Cory
G	1 only	American member

reinforce the result of the first donor, my aim with limited funds for testing, is to test as many different lines as possible. When approaching our members to take a DNA test, we do not generally ask them to meet the cost although our difficulty in funding is explained and our appreciation of donations mentioned. Therefore we welcome those members of our own Society who make contributions towards their own relative's tests.

In our membership this year, out of 68 names only 26 were called Cory and of these only 21 were male. In total our society has now tested 17 individuals. The American Cory Family Society committee voted to set aside \$400 at their AGM to help us with our DNA testing which would cover the cost of 2 tests (of which one has been tested so far this year) and we are therefore extremely grateful for their support.

I hoped that if we were to regain the momentum of last year's progress, to select 6 or 7 samples to be tested of which at least 4 candidates would be from Norfolk lines, (if I can find willing males!) to see if there is a true Norfolk DNA type. It would be interesting to see if others from Norfolk lines would link to the Harpole DNA as one sample did previously. I also hoped to find someone from our Bristol line to test before testing anymore from Devon and Cornwall this year. However our DNA project has not progressed very far, as we mainly rely on our income from membership fees to fund it, and although we have had several new members join our Society, we have also lost an equal number of our existing members. Therefore our committee was unable to vote to set aside such a large

sum and as of course selection is limited by the funds available I am sorry to say that our DNA project has not much to report.

Cruise to the Mountain

By Earl S. Cory

On Saturday, during the 2006 Annual Meeting in Washington DC, many of the attendees went on a cruise down the Potomac to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington.

The cruise included a narrated tour of the Potomac River and its famous landmarks. Among these were Fort MacNair, National Airport, US Naval Research Labs, Old Town Alexandria, the Torpedo Factory, Woodrow Wilson Bridge, and the War College.

Mount Vernon was the beloved home of George and Martha Washington from the time of their marriage in 1759 until General Washington's death in 1799. Mount Vernon and the surrounding lands had been in the Washington family for nearly 90 years by the time George inherited it all in 1761. Before taking over command of the Continental Army, Washington was a yeoman farmer managing the 8,000-acre plantation, of which more than 3,000 acres were under cultivation. He also oversaw the transformation of the main house from an ordinary farm dwelling into what was, for the time, a grand mansion.

Our cruise ticket included a tour of the Mansion house and more than a dozen outbuildings including the slave quarters, kitchen, stables, and greenhouse. We strolled through four different gardens, hiked the Forest Trail, and explored the George Washington Pioneer Farmer site, a four-acre working farm that includes a recreation of Washington's 16-sided treading barn. On the way up the hill from the boat landing, is the tomb of George and Martha Washington.

After 3 hours exploring this spectacular estate, lunch, and a trip to the gift shop, we returned to our cruise ship for the return trip.

Cory Family Society Meeting– Arlington, VA

Business Luncheon and Meeting, Oct. 23,
2006, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Agenda:

Introduction of Members

Thank You to our Host – Steven and Kathy Zwobot
and Art Corey

Appointment Secretary for Today's Meeting

Minutes of Meeting 2005 – Salem, MA

Treasurer's Report – Jim Corey

DNA Report – Art Corey

Web Site and Database Report – Earl Cory

Officer's Position Open:

- Genealogical Position
- Secretarial Position

Next Meeting Locations:

- San Francisco
- Yellowstone
- New Brunswick

Approval for expensing of this Meeting

Adjournment

Meeting: called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Introductions: Secretary not present, Fred Corey asked Kathleen Reed to take the minutes of the meeting.

Fred Corey, President, asked everyone to introduce themselves to the group by telling your name, where you live and explain who you are descended from.

Fred Corey told us about his chance meeting in England while conducting research at a facility he met Michael Corey from England from The Cory Society of the UK. Introductions continued around the room.

Carolyn Corey's position of Secretary is open.

Secretary's Report: read by Kathleen Reed, no changes, accepted as read.

Report from The Cory Society – UK, by Marilyn Cory. Jean Hayes, husband died this past year. DNA research has continued, need Bristol Cory submissions. Art Corey added that the UK Cory Society needs more DNA contributors. He discussed the UK DNA Report of Margaret McGoffin as written in this months' newsletter. Art Corey made a motion to donate \$400 to The Cory Society of the UK to assist in their research. Motion 2nd by Earl Cory. Vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: – Jim Corey. Balance as of 30 September 2006: \$8,450. Discussion regarding expenses of the meeting. Jim said there will be a cost of \$1,100 for the business meeting & luncheon. Jim Corey has been updating the Membership List.

Fred asked Kathleen Reed, the editor, to send out a reminder in the next newsletter about membership dues. The Membership label should include the year of the membership expiration. Membership Calendar Year is January through December. A new membership list will be included in a future newsletter.

Earl Cory made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Sue Corey 2nd the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

DNA Report: Art Corey. There has been a total of 45 contributors so far. The DNA Test is checking the Y chromosome that can only be taken from the male, father to son, to son, etc... Testing is completed at the Sorenson Labs. Relative Genetics has the largest database for results. Information on the deep genealogy testing indicates where in the world 10,000 years ago different DNA types originated.

- William Line = R1B, 3 branches the more common type in Western Europe have Celtic origins.
- John Line: R1A, not so common. Theory could be from Eastern Slavic beginnings.
- Gordon Corey [Khoury] Lebanon, Syria, Israel, Middle Eastern.
- Corry/Curry - We are looking for Corry/Curry – known Scottish Line.
- Thomas Corey: I1A, is an Anglo – Saxon Scandinavian which includes Harpole: I1A-S Anglo Saxon, Netherlands, Scandinavian, Denmark. This was probably due to the Anglo – Saxon invasion into UK.

Fred Corey asked us to think about where are we going after the DNA investigation? Do we check burial sites?

David Doheny mentioned an item he had noted from the Al B. Cory's book, "Cory's of America Ancestors and Descendants", 1st edition, [see preface v.], discussing the reference from the New England Historical Genealogical issue published July 1890, about a record collection in England, a statement to the effect, "that the missing Boston custom house records from 1628 to 1780, were removed from Boston by the Tories during the British evacuation, carried to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and then transferred to London, England. [according to Al Cory] If these records could be found, they might show numerous arrivals in Massachusetts bay, doubtless in the list would be the early Corys."

[If there could be research conducted to locate the Boston Custom House records we may be able to piece together some missing links in our CORY/COREY research. Anyone out there up to the challenge of research in England? Thank you David Doheny for bringing this item to our attention.]

Web Site and Database Report : Earl Cory. Giles Cory – "Salem Story" by Earl is still the most popular visited item at the website. The connection between Thomas & Giles seems to be that they are 3rd cousins going back to Nicholas Cory – UK. Earl also shared Usage Statistics for website: coryfamsoc.com.

Earl asked Kathleen Reed to send him via email a copy of the newsletter each month. Earl will change the newsletter to a PDF file and email to those members who have signed up for an email version of the newsletter. Fred Cory has scanned the "Boston Transcript" and will send to Earl Cory to add to the CORY Family Society website.

Fred Cory is looking for someone to take over the President position. Please contact Fred if you are interested.

Officer's Position Open: Fred Cory.

- Genealogist - Fred reminded the attendees that he has 35 boxes of CORY research in his garage from Charlotte Muller.

Fred Corey requested authority from the attendees to appoint Thomas E. Cory from McCook, Nebraska as the Corey Family Society Genealogist.

Art Corey made a motion to appoint Thomas E. Corey as the DNA Coordinator and Genealogist. Sue Corey 2nd the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

- Secretary – Art Corey recommended Sue Corey as Secretary. Sue Corey accepted. Fred Corey made a motion to accept Sue Corey as Secretary of the Cory Family Society. David Doheny 2nd the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Location: Discussion. David Doheny made a motion to have the next Cory Family Society meeting in Sonoma, CA, time between June – early August. Bernie Corey 2nd the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 3:40 p.m.

Meeting Attendees (19): (back row) James M. Corey, Bernie Corey, Katheen Reed, Marilyn Cory, Earl S. Cory, Fred Corey, Jan Corey Arnett, Roger Miller, Arthur W. Hendon, David Doheny and Colin Cory. (seated front row) Patricia Lytle, Beverly Corey Hendon, Mabel Zwobot, Art T. Corey, Marjorie Hoffmaster, Melody "Sue" Corey, & Brenda (Cory) Miller. Patti Sanda took the photo. [*Note: 4 attendees are from England.*]



WELCOME The CORY Genealogist.

My name is Thomas Corey, and I am keenly interested in the welfare and expansion of the Corey Society. In doing my own genealogy I became interested in all the Corey families in this country. Prior to 1900 almost all the Corey's could be traced to the three progenitors that arrived in America around 1640. An in-depth search of the World War One Draft Register records revealed a number of Corey men who arrived from England, Wales, Ireland, and the Syrian Arab Republic. To compound the problem, many of these men settled in areas of the country previously settled by the early immigrant ancestors. A recent examination of the DNA records has shown the ancestry of the three major Corey lines, and one DNA record indicates a Corey man with middle-eastern ancestry.

The DNA project is a very important endeavor to identify and process the most likely ancestral line of individuals being tested. So with this in mind, I have started to catalog the later immigrants and create genealogies for them and their families. This should help identify the lines from England, as well as the lines from other areas of the world.

Now a little about myself, I was born and raised in McCook, Nebraska. I attended McCook Community College for a short time before joining the US Navy. I served four years at NAS Miramar as an Aviation Electrician on F4 Phantom jetfighters. The squadron was VF-121, one of the top-gun squadrons at Miramar.

After military service, my wife [Nancy], and I moved back to McCook. I have been employed as an electronic technician since 1978. I have joined the Sons of the American Revolution through the State of Nebraska Chapter. I am also a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants with three proven lines. My wife and I have two children and seven grandchildren.

[Note by Arthur T. Corey: Thomas E. Corey was selected by Charlotte Miller (then Corey Family Society Historian) as one of the six original participants in our DNA project. He was selected because of his proven ancestry from William Corey, progenitor of the Rhode Island Corey/Cory line in America. William immigrated to Rhode Island from Bristol, England, circa 1638.]

2007 Annual Meeting

By Earl S. Cory

The 2007 Cory Family Society meeting will be held in the San Francisco bay area. I am tentatively looking at the first week of August, August 1-5, 2007. I will find a suitable meeting place that is both affordable and within an easy commute of San Francisco Airport, Oakland Airport, Amtrak, and the Bay Area Rapid Transit system (BART). Places that come to mind are Santa Rosa, Lafayette, San Bruno/Millbrae, and Oakland. Look for details in the next newsletter. The bay area is one of the most popular tourist areas in the world. Events that I am considering are:

Thursday: Take the ferry from Historic Jack London Square in Oakland to San Francisco. Then a morning bus tour of San Francisco, including The Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Warf, Cable Cars, the financial district, Union Square, Nob Hill, Chinatown, North Beach, City Hall, and UN Plaza (where the UN Charter was drafted and signed) followed by an afternoon harbor cruise that takes you out under the Golden Gate and Oakland Bay Bridges, past Angel and Alcatraz Islands, along the water front, and past the landmark ferry terminal. In the evening, we will return to Jack London Square for dinner. Jack London Square is one of the nations most distinctive and the Bay Area's most beloved destinations. It is a dynamic destination buzzing with restaurants, shops, hotels, entertainment, recreation, outdoor markets and special events. The history of this area dates back to the gold rush days when twice-weekly ferry service between San Francisco docked at the foot of Broadway in Oakland.

In 1852, when the State Legislature incorporated the Town of Oakland, the first meeting of the board of Town Trustees was held here. A visit to Heinold's First and Last Chance Saloon will transport you back to the late 1800's when a young writer developed his thirst for adventure. World-renowned author of over fifty books including "White Fang," "The Sea Wolf," and "The Call of the Wild," Jack London spent many hours in the tavern during his youth. He began by selling newspapers from a barstool at age 10 to seafarers while he collected tales of the sea that he would later include in some of his most famous works. There is a life size statue of Jack London standing watch over the waterfront at the foot of Broadway. Next to the statue is the site of the first ferry service and the transfer point for the Pony Express to San Francisco. At the far end of the Square is the Presidential Yacht Potomac, FDR's "Floating Whitehouse". The former Coast Guard cutter is permanently berthed at Jack London Square.

Friday: We will travel an hour north though Marin County past the adobe home of California's first Governor, Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, to Sonoma. Sonoma's central plaza (Sonoma Square) is the largest of its kind in California. The plaza was originally surveyed by General Mariano Vallejo in 1834 and dedicated as a National Historic Landmark on September 24, 1961. It is the home of the last of the California Missions, Mission San Francisco Solano Sonoma, the first, and now oldest, building in Sonoma. It was constructed in 1823. Other historic structures on Sonoma Plaza are; the Sonoma Barracks—built to house Mexican army troops under the command of General Vallejo, La Casa Grande—General Vallejo's first home—with its wide second-story balcony overlooking the Plaza, and the Sonoma City Hall in the center of the Plaza, made famous by the TV program Falcon Crest, where it was referred to as the Tuscany County Courthouse. On June 14, 1846, Vallejo was taken prisoner by a ragtag band of Americans who had decided to emulate the Texans by revolting against California's Mexican government. Surrounding the Casa Grande at dawn, the Americans proceeded to get roaring drunk and raise an improvised flag featuring a grizzly bear so badly drawn that some viewers mistook it for a pig. After lunch in Sonoma, we will travel to a local winery. I am considering **Buena Vista Winery**, the oldest winery in California for a private wine tour and tasting. **Benziger Family Winery** where several times a day they fire up a Massey 375 tractor and pull a tram of visitors through their Sonoma estate vineyards,

gardens and wildlife sanctuaries for a 45-minute adventure in winegrowing. Along the way, they stop for visitors to take a closer look at the vines, learn more about their site-specific farming practices and enjoy the breathtaking scenery. The tour includes a visit to their underground estate caves and a tasting of their wines. The third possibility is **Ledson Winery**, a gothic blast from the past. The 16,000 square foot French Normandy winery is seated in acres of rolling vineyards. If time allows, a stop at **Gloria Ferrer Champagne Caves** would be a good way to finish the day.

Saturday: On your own to visit the many sites in the area. Things that come to mind are: Muir Woods National Monument, The Oakland Museum, or in San Francisco, visit the new Asian Art Museum and/or de Young museums, the Museum of the City of San Francisco, the Cable Car Museum or take in a major league baseball game. The Oakland A's will be playing the Los Angeles Angels at home (the SF Giants will be in San Diego). In the afternoon, we will all gather at my house for a barbeque and Tequila tasting.

Sunday: Lunch at the hotel followed by our annual meeting.

For those of you that are interested in attending, please let me know either by email:

EarlCory@CoryComputerSystems.com

or drop me a line the old fashion way to: Earl Cory, 563 Wesley Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606.

Any suggestions for events, sites, etc. let me know. Send something like this.

I am/We are thinking of attending the 2007 Annual Meeting in the San Francisco Bay Area. There will be _____ people in our party.

Name:

Phone: _____ Email:

We are interested in the following in the bay area:

100th Anniversary – 2009 Reunion – Western PA CORY REUNION

The Western PA Area Cory Reunion Association is celebrating their 100th Reunion – how exciting ! The association would like to have descendants of John Cory's (1778-1845) 15 children present at the reunion. John Cory's children were: Margaret Cory McCowin, Jane Cory Crooks, Elnathan Cory, John Cory, Mary Cory Crooks, Catherine Cory Whittenberger, Barbara Cory Davis, Rebecca Cory Mahon, Elizabeth Cory McMahan, Hannah Cory Knowles, George Washington Cory, Belinda Cory Harvey, Martha Cory McGeehan and Sarah Cory Dugan, (see Vol. 27, 2006 Western Pennsylvania Area Newsletter for further details.)

If you would like to attend the next "Western PA Area CORY Reunion Association" please contact: H. Marjorie Chilson, 778 N. Market St., E. Palestine, OH 44413, OR send email: helenmarge@aol.com.

[So if you believe you may have a connection to the John Cory family (1778-1845) you have 2 years to gather and research your family line to make a connection with your cousins at the 2009 CORY REUNION Western Pennsylvania 100th celebration.]

LOST & FOUND QUERY SECTION ... RESEARCH TIPS

Please send queries, ancestors Lost & Found, notorious ancestors stories, genealogical research tips, etc.....

The Query Section is for the benefit of all Cory cousins who are interested in the CORY Surname. Please consider helping those requesting assistance, and then send a copy of your response to the editor so that we can update the Cory Database. Let's help each other to solve research problems. There is no charge to list a query in the newsletter.

QUERY #3: COREY, JOHN

Seeking info on John W. Corey (born 1793 RI) and family. John married Mary Travis daughter of Abraham Travis, of Hope, Hamilton Co., NY. John and Mary Corey were residents of Northampton, NY from approx. 1820 until approx. 1855 this is verified by census records. Mary died in 1872, buried in

Northville, NY. They had the following 11 children: Dorcas, Smith P., Charles A., Abram T., Peleg, Robert, Martha, Allen, Sarah Ann, John Jay and Mary or Marriah. We are seeking documentation of birth or death of John W. Corey & any info that might lead us to his parents. On a side note DNA testing has proven we are descended from William of Portsmouth. Please contact: Ruth & Sharon Corey, 832 9th Ave. Wilmington, DE 19808 or by email at brickwall1950@comcast.net or coreygenealogy@yahoo.com

QUERY #4: CORY, BENJAMIN

My husband, Robert Cory, received results from the DNA study and discovered that he is descended from THOMAS COREY of Chelmsford, MA, and not the previously thought William CORY of Tiverton, RI line.

Many of the family trees [previously published] show that Benjamin was descended from William Cory of Tiverton, RI, listing 1st wife as Mehitable Heath and 2nd wife as Hannah Rice. My guess is that a Benjamin Cory from the William of RI line did marry Hannah Rice, but based on the DNA results of my husband, Robert Cory, results indicate that he would be descended from the Thomas CORY of Chelmsford, MA line.

There is a large collection of genealogical research called the "Draper Collection" that was compiled in the later part of the 19th century by Lyman Draper. It is a collection of 500 hand-written manuscripts that are on microfilm at the Univ. of Wisconsin Library, although other libraries have copies as well. The story was transcribed by Barbara Wood Cook who is a Cory descendent living in Summerville, MI, near where 5 generations of our Cory's are buried. See the Draper article transcribed by Barbara Wood Cook, "*First Settlement of Springfield – an incident showing Brant's Humanity*" "*among the pioneer settlers who had before the Revolution ventured a dozen miles to the westward of Cherry Valley, several families had gone into the present town of Springfield, among whom were those of Alexander Sprague, one Corey,*"

Additional correspondence in the Draper collection identifies the Cory's as Benjamin and Mehitable Heath, who were married in Litchfield, CT in 1769. Is this Benjamin Cory descended from the Thomas CORY line?

Any help sorting the lineage of Benjamin CORY b. 1750, and wife Mehitable Heath would be greatly appreciated. Children of Benjamin and Mehitable Corey: Lavina b. 1770, Benjamin b. 1771, Jacob b. 1773, Elizabeth Ann b. 1777, Isaac b. 1779 and William b. 1786. Contact: Laura Cory at: lauracory@earthlink.net

Research Tips

by Patti Reed Sanda

Civil War Research -

- Did your ancestor serve in the Civil War?
- Did a cousin serve?

You need to check out the Civil War Pension Files at the National Archives, see on-line database and check out website: archives.gov/veterans/military. A copy of the Civil War file may be obtained for \$37. You may discover original birth, marriage or death information, read letters from a soldier home to the family, pictures of injuries of the soldier on a cabinet card. There's no guarantee of what you can find in the file each file is unique, but it is well worth the research. Some files could contain anywhere from 50 – 400 pages of information regarding your ancestor and his family, affidavits from neighbors, correspondence between the soldier, widow, attorney to the government regarding the pension request.

On the recent visit to the National Archives in Washington, DC in October I did find a Pension file with a cabinet card photo showing the wounds of my ancestor. So, Yes folks. It really is worth the \$37 cost for the Civil War Pension File.

[I too found a Pension File application for a CORY, OLIVER who served in the Revolutionary War, an excerpt of the transcript to be in the next issue]

New Members:

Jan Corey Melody "Sue" Corey
David Doheny Patricia Lytle
Art and Beverly (Corey) Hendon

Missing Members – Help Needed

If anyone knows the current address of the following member, please let the editor know:
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